



RESOLUTION OF THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

[Proposed] RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE MIRA LOMA WOMEN'S DETENTION CENTER PROJECT BE REJECTED

The Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) of the County of Los Angeles, California, hereby resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commission has been established to facilitate public transparency and accountability with respect to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department);

WHEREAS, the Commission has also been established to build bridges between the Department and the public, and recommend solutions to advise the Board, the Sheriff's department and the public;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is considering approving the design and construction budget for the Mira Loma Women's Center Project;

WHEREAS, the Commission has grave concerns with placing the proposed facility at the Mira Loma site because of the distant location of the facility (approximately 70 miles from Central Los Angeles), the health risks of exposure to Valley Fever and the profound effect these factors will have upon the potential rehabilitation of the inmates and the deleterious effect upon their families;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that the potential loss of \$100 million in funding for the project is significant. However, if the County's goal is to develop a truly progressive and rehabilitative corrections system, then such a sacrifice is warranted as efforts should be made to redirect said funding to greater develop diversion, educational, mental health and rehabilitative programming;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to reject the design and construction budget for the Mira Loma facility: that the County evaluate the possibility to redirect the state funding; that the County continue its efforts and become the nation's leader in progressive and rehabilitative corrections policies. This resolution is a recommendation from the Commission and does not reflect an official position of the County Board of Supervisors.

Dated

Patti Giggans, Chair

Brian K. Williams, Executive Director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, does hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Commission at its meeting held on January 22, 2019, and as same appears of record in the official Statement of Proceedings of said Commission.

Dated

Brian K. Williams, Executive Director